Finance & Budget Committee
2022-2023 Meeting Minutes

Friday, February, 3rd 2023, 11:30am
HUB 314: GPSS Board Table, Zoom

Present:
Van Mai – Vice President of the Finance; Committee Chair
A.J. Balatico - President of GPSS
Sean Lin- Budget Specialist,
Pratima KC - GPSS Senator
Jon Choi - GPSS Senator
Peter Correa - GPSS Senator

Not Present:

Vice President of Finance called the Meeting to order at 11:32am.

Overview

Vice President of Finance gave each member the agenda. Quorum was not reached, so agenda item 2 was not voted on.

1. Call to Order - Approval of Agenda
2. Review for Special Allocation: Matsuri 2023 by Japanese Student Association (JSA)
3. Review for Special Allocation: Winter Swing Dance by Swing Kids

JSA: JSA representatives introduce how their budget is gonna be used.

Q&A Session:
Pratima: Does HUB have restrictions for events that are crowded with people due to COVID or is there any safety plan? Did JSA check vaccination or what was the procedure?
JSA: JSA has a covid preparation team to check vaccine status. But due to UW policy at that time JSA can not require all applicants to prove their vaccine status. JSA encourages participants to wear masks during the event.

Pratima: When is the event?
JSA: 05/13/2023

Jon: Are there specific areas of the festival that JSA is planning to use the money?
JSA: It will mainly be used to cover partial of the venue reservation fee

Jon: What would be the alternative if you are not able to get the same amount you requested?
JSA: JSA has a good amount to cover the entirety of the event in the worst case, and JSA will continuously conduct fundraising events.

Jon: Why did JSA choose HUB Ballroom instead of other venue like the Red Square
JSA: Other club has booked the Red Square for the event on the same day and ballroom more matches our event requirements.

Pratima: How many graduate students are involved in organizing the event?
JSA: So far there’s no graduate student in our officer core, but JSA is open to collaborating and reaching out to find ways to involve graduate students.

Swing: Swing representatives introduce how their budget is gonna be used.

Q&A Session:
Pratima: When will the event in winter occur? What is swing kids? How many graduate students are involved in the group?
Swing: The event is on Feb 4, 2023. The club is open to all departments and currently there’s a mix of members in the club. Swing is a social club that teaches swing dances. Currently there’s no graduate student on the board. Additionally, as for our quarter dances Swing has a general club setup and Swing is expecting to have 1-2 graduate students to take down the team.

Jon: How does Swing plan to advertise the event or the club?
Swing: The flyers are currently up in the hub. But most of our promotion actually goes through social media including Facebook groups, Instagram, and Discord.

Pratima: Is there any alternative if you don’t get the funding?
Swing: Swing plans to use some of the money from their account to cover the costs. However, it would make things more difficult since Swing will have to charge students more to join the club in order to cover the expense.

Pratima: Is the event free?
Swing: The event is free for any Swing Kids members, including those who paid to the club. Swing charge $5 for students and $10 for general admission.

Peter: Are there any other events throughout the year?
Swing: Swing throws a quarter dance once per quarter and also holds smaller social events throughout the year. After the weekly Friday meeting, Swing also holds a little team food event where everyone from the club is invited to go out and grab dinner together. Lastly, every Wednesday there’s a Swing Dance at century ballroom.

Pratima: How many participants have Swing had in the past?
Swing: Swing had about 110 to 130 people per dance.

Vice President of Finance thanked each member again for joining the Committee and attending the meeting.
Vice President of Finance moved to adjourn the meeting. The committee seconded.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.